Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

President.—In Section 1, Clause (2), the date on which the Regulation shall ıe into force, has to be put in. Considering that the Registration Department ıs to familiarise itself with the new law before it is worked, it would probably be well that the Regulation takes effect some time later on.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I think that the date may be fixed as 1st Vrischigam 1087, and I propose that the word "1st" be inserted between the words "the" and "day" in lines 1 and 2 and the word "Vrischigam" between the words "of" and "108" and the figure "7" after the figure "108" in line 2.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—In consequence of the above amendment, corresponding ɜrations have to be made in Section 2 also. I therefore propose that, in Section Clause (3), the words "the 1st day" be inserted between the words "before" [illegible]" in line 2 and the word "Vrischigam" between the word "of" and the 108" in the same line, and also the figure "7" between the figure "108" word "to" in line 2.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I beg to move that the Bill, as now amended, be finally nd passed.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

THE TOBACCO BILL.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—The Tobacco Bill now comes up for final reading in the ncil. Before moving that it be read again and passed, I have, on behalf of the ernment, to propose an alteration to Section 6 of the Bill. The Section autho- es all officers of the Excise, Police or Land Revenue Department to arrest, in the en, persons committing any offence against the provisions of the Bill. The pro- o to this Section, as it now stands, enables all such officers down to the grade of ɔns to admit to bail the persons so arrested. By the corresponding pro- ion of the British Abkari Act, the power to admit to bail offenders arrested ler similar circumstances is vested only in such officers as are authorised by the vernment either by name or in virtue of their offices. I beg to move that Sec- ı 6 be amended as follows:—

After Clause (*b*), insert a separate para:—

"Our Government may, by Notification, and subject to such conditions as ıay be prescribed in such Notification, empower all or any of the officers or classes ıf officers mentioned in para 1 of this Section, either by name or in virtue of their ɔffices, throughout the State or in any local area, to admit a person arrested under his Section to bail to appear when summoned or otherwise directed, before an Excise ɔfficer having jurisdiction to enquire into the offence for which such person has been arrested, and may cancel or vary such Notification."

Substitute the following for the proviso now attached to the Section:—

"Provided that, if the officer making the arrest under this Section be not empowered as aforesaid to admit to bail, the person arrested shall be forthwith forwarded to the nearest officer so empowered.

And it shall be the duty of such officer empowered as aforesaid to admit such person to bail if sufficient bail be tendered for his appearance before an Excise ɔfficer having jurisdiction to enquire into the case."

Se onded by Mr. Vieyra.

Ca ied.

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Mr. Raman Pillai.—As a result of the amendment to Section 6, I beg to that, in Section 11 (a), lines 4 to 8, the words "the person arresting him shall..... forthwith forward him" be changed into "he shall.....be forthwith forward

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I think that 1st Thulam may be fixed as the date on which this Bill may come into force and I propose that the words "the 1st Thulam 1087" be inserted at the end of Section 1.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I beg to move that the Bill, as now amended by the Council, be read again and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

The Council adjourned at 3 P. M.

P. RAJAGOPALA CHARI,

President.

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